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Taluk have submitted any report or recommendation to Government? If so, will they be pleased to publish the same, and state what action, if any, they have taken on the matter?	
(*d*). Will the Government be pleased to declare what further action they intend taking towards the improvement of irrigational facilities in the Trivandrum Division?	
Mr. J. John Nidiry.	
23. I. *Reorganisation of the Judicial Department.*	*Secretary Mr. K. Narayanan Pandalay.*
(*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state what action they have taken with regard to the recommendations made by the High Court for the reorganisation of the Judicial Department?	The matter is engaging the attention of Government.
(*b*). (1) When was the last reorganisation of the Department?	
(2) Do not the Government think that the reorganisation of the Department is overdue?	
(3) Are not the Government aware that there is a large and growing revenue from the Department?-	
(4) Do the Government think that the present salary of Munsiffs and Judges (including the High Court) is sufficient in the altered economic condition to keep up their prestige?	
(*c*) (1) How many years have elapsed since the minimum pay of Rs. 150 was fixed for Munsiffs?	
(2) Are the Government aware that there are Munsiffs who have not received an increase for 10 years together?	
(3) Do not the Government feel that to have an efficient service a well contented service is a *sine qua non*?	
(4) Would it not be advisable as was recently done in the Madras Provincial Judicial Service to have increments fixed on a time scale?	
24. II. *Employment of non-caste Hindus and non-Hindus in the Land Revenue Department.*	*Chief Secretary Mr. N. Rajaram Rao.*
With reference to the statement in G. O. No. D. 952, dated the 3rd April 1920, "the number of posts in that Department (Land Revenue) which are actually closed to non-Hindus and non-caste Hindus is only about forty".—	
(*a*) will the Government be pleased to state what those 40 posts are?	Tahsildars, Division Assistants and Peishkars.
(*b*) are the Government aware that as a matter of fact the non-caste and non-Hindus are practically excluded from the Land Revenue Department?	(*b*), (*d*), (*e*) and (*f*). Government will enquire and consider.

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(c) Will the Government be pleased to furnish the Council with a statement in the form annexed showing :—

(1) the aggregate number of posts in the Land Revenue Department that carry a salary up to Rs. 20 ;

(2) the aggregate number of posts in the Land Revenue Department that carry a salary between Rs. 20 and Rs. 50;

(3) the aggregate number of posts in the Land Revenue Department that carry a salary of Rs. 50 and above ;

(4) the total number of caste Hindu, non-caste and non-Hindu employees in each class.

Statement of employees in the Land Revenue Department.

Posts.	Carrying a salary up to Rs. 20.	Carrying a salary between Rs. 20 and 50.	Carrying a salary of Rs. 50 and above	Total.
Held by caste Hindus ...				
Held by non-caste and non-Hindus...				
Total ...				

(d) Are not the Government convinced that this practical exclusion results from the patronage being in the hands of officers holding the above 40 posts reserved for caste Hindus?

(e) Will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter and state the causes of such exclusion?

(f) What steps have the Government taken or do they propose to take to carry out their benevolent intention indicated in the above order "to give equal opportunities in the Public Service irrespective of class or creed" at least in regard to the other posts than the 40 that are reserved for caste Hindus?

Answer.

The statement will be prepared and laid on the table when ready.

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